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Dear Brewster Families and Community,

On Tuesday night after 10:00pm, we received several messages sent through Anonymous Alerts that a student who was suspended, posted threats directed at the high school using his Snapchat account. Law enforcement was immediately notified and went to his home to conduct a safety check. No weapons were found, but he is now in custody.

As a precaution, we will have an extra Deputy stationed outside of the high school and Deputy Kraisky will be inside. We are also placing all schools on lockout, which secures the schools and buildings in response to something that is happening outside. This is not the same as a lockdown. We will re-assess the need for the lockout after we receive an update from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department about the student.

Administrators in all buildings have been alerted and will work with their school safety teams. We are using all of our training and safety resources to ensure that our students and staff are safe.

I want to thank the people who used Anonymous Alerts to notify us. Without this notice, we would not have been able to act as quickly. Ms. Horler, Ms. Sullivan and I received the alerts and took action immediately by notifying Deputy Kraisky who in turn contacted the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. They responded swiftly by going to the student's home, performing a safety check and taking him into custody. We thank our Deputies and the Putnam County Sheriff's Department for looking out for our well-being.

Your children's safety is our priority. They should come to school everyday without fear. Deputy Kraisky at Brewster High School, Deputy Suppa at JFK Elementary School, Deputy Simone at HH Wells Middle School and School Patrol Officer Bade at CV Starr Intermediate School will protect the children and staff of Brewster Schools.

If there are new developments, we will notify you. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Warm regards,

Valerie Henning-Piedmonte